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A SAD PICTURE.

Negroes of the West India Islands Said to be Drifting

BACK TO BARBARISM

Condition in the Islands. Where the Blacks Have Control Race Problem is Being Settled Against the White Man. Sad Sight at Ruins of St. Pierre.

I have recently returned from a trip to the West Indies and the Spanish Main, in the course of which I visited most of the Windward as well as the Leeward Islands of the group, writes Lambert Tree, in the Chicago Tribune. We went within 10 minutes of the Equator, and I found it not down there, with 90 to 95 degrees in the shade. I had summer seas and blue skies in the tropics all the time, and the trip was in many respects interesting. Of course I saw our new colonial acquisition, Porto Rico, and have no tears to shed on account of its being ours, albeit I wish the population was of a higher grade, we cannot have everything in this world, the way just as we would like it, but there were not room for improvement in the people of the island, neither would there be any room for progress. They are in high feather down there just now with the brilliant prospect of a large crop of sugar, on which they expect to realize a net profit of 50 per cent. On the whole, things are decidedly looking up in the affairs of the island under American auspices. One of the saddest sights I have ever seen in my life is the ruins of the city of St. Pierre, Martinique, whose population of 40,000 was wiped out, it is said, in 20 seconds by a volcano, which suddenly burst from the interior of Mont Pelee at the time of the eruption three years ago. Only the walls of the great war houses along the quay and of the cathedral, halls, theatres, churches, business houses and homes remain as silent witnesses to testify that there was a city there, a gay and bustling French city standing there. The streets are heaped 10 feet deep with ashes, belched forth from the crater. The trees, which once shaded the streets and adorned its famous botanical gardens are leafless and ugly monuments of its destruction. When I landed from the ship in a small boat not a soul survived to meet me and tell the story of that fearful moment. All was the silence of death, and there was not even the rustle of the ferns dancing among the pitiful ruins—that dead and make whose bits is cast in and speedy death, and which used to infest the sides of Pelee and steal down times, it is said, into the gardens of St. Pierre. It, too, has been eliminated from the scene by the infernal volcano, which spared neither sex, age, color nor any living thing. In our cruise we followed in part the same watery paths pursued by Columbus more than four centuries ago, and saw personified in some of the islands, if not in paradises inhabited by devils, at least gardens of Eden, controlled by populations, which were apparently drifting back into the barbarism of centuries, centuries of the past. The racial problem is being worked out in the tropical West Indies, and worked out, if not in favor of the negro, at least against the white man. No telling persons can be taken into the islands without feeling after what he sees there, that the Almighty has fixed certain zones for the habitation of the white and black races respectively. Everywhere in those islands the evidence exists that the white man has lost the struggle which he has been maintaining for centuries to preserve his racial superiority even as an inhabitant of countries within the tropical zone. Gradually but surely he has deteriorated physically, morally and mentally. Of all the emigrants, forced or voluntary, who have peopled those islands since the ruthless slaughter of the native Caribbees by the soldiers and governors from the highly civilized nations of enlightened Europe, only the negro from the Congo or the gold coast of Africa, whose forebears were brought there as slaves, has flourished. Instead of deteriorating he has, on the contrary, improved in stature and muscular power. The climate being equivalent to his own, all the rest is doubtless the result of more favorable physical surroundings as to nature and lodging than he had been accustomed to in Africa. In spite of his condition of slavery, he has also multiplied rapidly until he has become in all of the islands vastly dominant in numbers. Naturally, therefore, the white man who has grown all the time fatter, mentally and physically, and who each year dwindles in numbers, has already lost his hold on some of the islands, and is in a fair way to lose it on the result of them. Cuba, excepted and perhaps Porto Rico, where climatic conditions are much more favorable for him. As the white man loses his grip the black man tightens his, an hence is perceived everywhere, sub stantially, negro control. The English islands of Barbados, Trinidad and Jamaica are no exception to this rule. For while governors and the fat salaries are still appointed by the imperial Government, the local offices are filled by blacks, the islands policed by them, and their general political, social and moral tone given by them. What next? That is the question which one constantly propounds to himself as he observes the facts I have related, and in addition sees the same racial antagonism or mutual aversal existing between white and black in the islands which he has been accus-

A CALL TO FARMERS.

President Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association Wants Them To Celebrate July Fourth by Holding Meetings and Make it a Day of General Rejoicing.

COLD BLOODED

Assassination of the Rev. H. D. Grainger, a Baptist Minister IN Horry County.

Commander Johnson and Charlotte Simmons, a White Man and Woman, Living in Adultery, Arrested for Committing the Revolting Crime. Now in Jail.

A dispatch from Conway to The State says another tragedy has occurred to stain the fair fame of Horry county, sickening and revolting in its details. Friday morning Rev. Harmon D. Grainger, a Baptist minister, who lived on his farm near Bayboro, was shot dead in his field about 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The crime was perpetrated by an assassin who had hidden himself in the woods about the field, and who fired both barrels of his shotgun, each loaded with buckshot, for 32 feet, and the bullet entered the body. Mr. Grainger was the pastor of several churches, and it is said that no man in Horry county has preached more funerals or married more couples. He was known and loved not only in his immediate neighborhood and community, but throughout the length and breadth of the whole county. His family consisted of his wife and four children, some of whom were working in the field near him when the dastardly crime was done. His brother, Daniel Grainger, is a magistrate of the county. Just after the shooting a runner was dispatched to Bayboro, the nearest telegraph office on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, which was three miles away, with the following message to the coroner: "Come; Rev. H. D. Grainger shot dead in his field by unknown party. (Signed) "L. S. ALFORD." Dr. Burroughs, coroner, B. J. Sessons, sheriff, and a number of others went to the scene of the murder as quick as they could from Conway. They reached the scene about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, where they found gathered nearly everybody in the community. The coroner's jury was empaneled at once, and the taking of the testimony continued until 6 o'clock Saturday morning. A more thorough investigation at an inquest has seldom been made.

When the shooting occurred the other members of the family were so badly frightened that they did not go to the scene of the crime. The body lay at the first shot, and death must have been instantaneous for the shot rang from the waist to the head, piercing every vital organ—liver, spleen, kidneys, lungs, spinal column and brain. The bullet was plowing straight through the body, and the falling body caught on the ground, and the play hardies. The body was not touched or moved until the arrival of the coroner. The friends of the family had erected a shade out of blankets, and so forth. The direction from which the shooting was determined first by probing the wound, and was afterward confirmed by finding the wadding from the gun in nearby bushes. At first, no suspicion was entertained of any one in the community, for it was not thought that Mr. Grainger had an enemy; but first one little circumstance and another combined to cast suspicion upon a near neighbor, Commander Johnson, and his paragon, Charlotte Simmons, nee Prince. He and his paragon had been living together in open adultery for some months past, and had been the subject of severe comments by Mr. Grainger who was understood to be agitating having them presented before the next meeting of the grand jury. The testimony developed the facts that Johnson had made several threats to various parties that if Mr. Grainger persisted in his intention, he (Johnson) would "make him sick," or would "blow his shirt," etc. Also that some time ago, about two weeks earlier, he had purchased buckshot. He and his paragon had been seen together about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, saying that they had been dining, and had just returned, which was the reason of their not coming sooner. When Johnson was put on the stand he testified to the fact that he and his woman had been dining, and that he had carried his gun in the hope of shooting squirrels, but that the only shells he had were loaded with No. 7 shot. His action, expression and general demeanor were such as to increase these suspicions. For some time he seemed to be unaware thereof, but finally took the alarm, and was only by the exercise of the greatest finesse that Mr. McCaskill, the deputy sheriff, was able to hold him on the ground until the order for his commitment could be prepared and signed. He has never directly denied the commission, although he has done so by implication. After his arrest, he broke down in a weeping and hoarse wailing, which was repeated at the depot Saturday morning, and again after he was lodged in jail. The woman, who separated from her husband some time ago, alleging his infidelity as the reason, answered in the most brazen manner as to illicit relations with the accused, admitted that on this account she had been driven from home by her father. The finding of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of Commander Johnson and Charlotte Simmons, accessory. From the testimony it was learned that the woman was in hallooing distance of Johnson, and told him when to shoot. She was in a position where she could see the others who were at work in the field

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Johnny Reb Got a Great Welcome There This Week.

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You've come, old Johnny Rebs, and we sure are glad to see you, says the Louisville Times. We've gotten us a new weather man since the last time you came, and, if any of you get wet, it'll have to be on the inside, and not from the outside. The old town is bound to you on every-day occasions by the ties of kindred blood, by one sense of interest, by a common heritage, and the single purpose to prove worthy of it; but the present is not an every-day occasion. Whatever we are in plain, ordinary times, we are that and a little to the right and left of this week. We Kentuckians think we know a man when we see him, and better still, know how to treat him after we have seen him, and the fact that about 60,000 of you old fellows in gray jackets, with now and then a few in blue, or a legions, have decided that you would like to spend a few days with us in a body and walk over old times for old times' sake, and for the reason that the memory of them is an inspiration and their lesson a benediction, doesn't give us a moment's worry. To tell the truth, we've sort of been expecting you and your sisters, and your wives and your cousins and your aunts, to say nothing of some 30,000 or 40,000 sponsors and maids of honor. We belong to you for 365 days out of the year, but for these three days you belong to us; and there's anything you'd like to have done that we happen to have over-looked, just let us know, and we'll not be long in fixing it. From Virginia to Texas, from Arkansas to Florida, from Kentucky to the Gulf, from little old fighting "Joe" Wheeler to the biggest Tarheel private that ever carried a knapsack or squinted down the barrel of an old squirrel rifle, you are welcome to the best of the table, the cobblest in the cellar, and the tenderest in our hearts.

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By far the worst wreck in the history of the Western Maryland railroad occurred Saturday evening at a point about a quarter of a mile from Patapsco, a small station between Westminster and Eikensburg, Md. At least 25 people are believed to have been killed and a score more injured. Passenger Train No. 51, eastbound, was running at a very high rate of speed when, at the point named, it crashed into a double-header freight running east. All three of the engines were reduced to scrap iron, the express and baggage cars of the passenger were smashed and a number of the freight cars were splintered. The passenger coaches sustained little injury and almost without exception their occupants escaped with nothing worse than a bad shaking up. The fatalities and injuries were to the crews of the engines and to workmen employed by the railroad. It is a remarkable coincidence that these latter should have been at work repairing the damage caused by a recent small wreck that occurred at Mont Hope station, near Baltimore. They were on their way to their homes, in small towns along the Western Maryland railroad, to spend Sunday. Not being regular passengers they had boarded the baggage car and engine. When the crash came, the more fortunate were hurled into the air, and were thrown from the train and were only injured. Those in the baggage car were terribly mangled and the crews of all three engines were killed. Their bodies are all believed to be under the wreckage of the engines. Just before the first relief train carrying injured to the hospitals of Baltimore left the scene, the wreckage about them began to burn. The first relief train to reach Baltimore brought 11 badly injured. One had died on the trip. A dozen ambulances awaited the arrival of the relief train at the union station, and hurried the injured to hospitals as fast as they could be taken from the cars. The police at which the accident occurred is so situated that it is possible to see the wreckage of the engines.

MUST BE STOPPED.

The Running of Freight Trains on Sunday by the Railroads.

The Columbia Record says as a result of a complaint received by the railroad commission regarding the running of freight trains on Sunday a formal order has been issued calling attention to the law on the subject and ordering the cessation of the practice, if it exists. The complaint came from a number of ministers of Sparanburg and other cities in the upper part of the state and the letters received stated that the law had been constantly violated. The railroad commission spent several hours discussing the situation, and after an examination of the law, decided that if the complaint was true the railroads were subject to a fine. Railroad people state that the complaint is altogether unfounded and that the railroads extend few exceptions, do not violate the law. There is a special provision made for the fast vegetable and fruit trains are hurried North as rapidly as possible that these trains are the ones about which complaint has been filed. If that is the case the order will, of course, not affect their running, as they come under the interstate commerce law and cannot be touched. Outside of this, however, there are no local freight trains that are considered violation of the law.

Drowned in Sauna River.

A dispatch from Newbury to The States says a news reached there late Wednesday evening of young Robert Langford in Saluda river near Kempson's ferry, about 2 o'clock Wednesday. He had gone out to his uncle's, Mr. Preston L. Livingstone, to a sailing party and with his friend, Homer Stevens, preceded the other men and went into the river. When the others, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Chapin Lake, Mr. Blair and Mr. Stevens, arrived they were met by Homer Stevens, who told them of the drowning. Up to 6 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the body had not been recovered.

A Brutal Father.

A special dispatch to the Augusta Chronicle says a farmer of Roberts, Ga., shot and painfully wounded his son, William Spillers. Miss Spillers was assisting her father in packing peaches and that she be allowed 50 cents. Her father became angry and threatened to slap her face, whereupon her brother told Mr. Spillers he could not do so. This so angered the father that he knocked the son down with an empty crate, got his gun and shot him.

Colored Woman Killed.

A colored woman, whose name could not be learned was killed at Greens Friday evening by No. 40, the ill-fated passenger train that was wrecked near King's Mountain that night. A colored woman, whose name could not be learned was killed at Greens Friday evening by No. 40, the ill-fated passenger train that was wrecked near King's Mountain that night. A colored woman, whose name could not be learned was killed at Greens Friday evening by No. 40, the ill-fated passenger train that was wrecked near King's Mountain that night.